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THINKING OUT LOUD

By H. M. L.

We note that in the nation wide debate now sweeping through the country regarding the proposed merger of all the nation's military forces under one head, the U. S. Navy admirals, who are putting up a very determined, and from many standpoints, logical argument against the proposal, do not mention Pearl Harbor.

Yet it is the lesson of Pearl Harbor which is now fermenting in the minds of all citizens who do their own thinking. Whether altogether justified or not, most people, including this writer attribute the disaster of Pearl Harbor to a divided command, in which the Army and Navy went their separate ways and the people, who paid the taxes, fell between two stools. It is not as simple as that of course. In Washington there should have been an alerting of the "higher brass", but it did not come for one sad reason or another, or it came too late, and in final anaylsis the warning, the tocsin sounding immediate danger was not heard by Kimmel and Short in time to prepare even a rudimentary defense.

We, the spectators of that tragic catasptrophe, in which 3,000 of our young men lost their lives within an hour or little more, in our minds, constantly revert to the young soldier who reported to the young lieutenant that his listening device indicated the approach of plane squadplanes was that of the army or navy's lieutenant thought, without being sure, that the sound of appoaching planes wos that of the army or navy's own squadrons. This was a flagrant sample of thinking that apparently permeated the Hawaiian forces from the top down through the ranks. A profound complacency that had its immediate source in Kimmel and Short and its remote head in Washington.

That Army and Navy heads immediately, and each in their separate way, did an enormous work, not only or recovery insofar ships and recruited men were concerned, but built the world's greatest fighting force on land or sea, with the possible exception of Russia's armies, is of course to the historic credit of both branches of the one service, the nation's defense.

But supposing the two commanders at Pearl Harbor had been thoroughly alerted, had done a superlative job of getting ready for an attack, had sent out their reconnaisance planes, had discovered the Jap fleet, and had gone out to do battle with what they had to do it with, and had thoroughly whipped them, shattering both ships and planes in a furious assault. Just supposing this had happened.

What then? Probably there would have been no immediate attack on the Philippines. Probably the Japs would have withdrawn, temporarily anyway postponing attacks upon British, Dutch and other possessions in the Pacific, And in the meantime we would have seized chance to re-inforce McArthur in the Philippines there would have been no Bataan or Corregidor. The British might have been able to save Hongkong and Singapore. Whether in that first encounter with the Japs off Hawaii, we had lost ships and men, even the majority of them, they would have at least gone down fighting and would have given the Japs a rude jolt, disoncerting to their smug plans of conquest.

Well, there's no harm in dreaming of something that didn't happen. But by envisioning what we then thought was the armed power of our country, we can certainly come back now to the reality, and resolve not to let another Pearl Harbor again. For, if we cannot learn from Pearl Harbor we are doomed. And it seems to us, the lesson of Pearl Harbor, is that a divided command of our defense forces is fundamentally wrong. We need one responsible head for our armed forces from now on, and he had better be a good one.

WARNS IF STATE DON'T ACT FED. GOVERNMENT WIL

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 6—Regimentation is inevitable unless government is kept close to the people, Gov. Warren told the annual state wide meeting of the State Chamber of Commerce at Los Angeles last week.

Pointing out that California's problems range from the use of our natural resources to health in our three million homes, Warren declared they must be attacked locally by the state if we are to avoid the assumption of authority by federal government.

By indifference, by negative attitude, by unwillingness to cope with reality, local and state government will deteriorate. In their place will be left a vacuum into which will inevitably come the octopus of government by remote control.

Local problems can be solved here at home if we have the courage to by ingrown prejudices if we have the courage to try, and if we are not afraid of the future, the governor said. They will be solved not by government not by business, not by labor, not by agriculture, but by a combination of all these groups working with tolerance, with energy and with a determination to see that California comes through.

The governor outlined how state governmental departments have been overhauled and modernized during the past three years to streamline them for the jobs they are supposed to do. At the same time funds have been reserved to pay off the state debt, taxes have been reduced, a $300,000,000 surplus has been accumulated to rehabilitate state and county roads, for flood control and for adequate facilities for the mentally ill and other wards of the state.

Regimentation in the same sense that would organize us into groups for central control and reduce us all to strict order and uniformity is not in keeping with the dignity and importance of the individual or the right of the individual to develop. Regimentation in this sense is something to be fought against by Americans who love their freedom and who have been taught that their government was created for their service—not their mastery.

ISAAC OSTROM CALLED BY DEATH

Funeral services took place yesterday in the Holmes and Myers Funeral Home for Isaac Ostrom who died in a local hospital Sunday after several weeks of illness.

Ostrom was born in Sweden 65 years ago but most of his adult life was passed in Sierra and Nevada counties where he worked as a miner. At one time he was employed in the Tom Coan Mine in Indian Flat near Nevada City. Later he worked in the North Star adjacent to this city.

He died after several weeks of illness. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. George Pierson of San Francisco and Mrs. Nevada Ostrom of Grass Valley and sons, Corporal Alex of the U. S. Army, and Merle, Dawn and Thomas Ostrom all of Grass Valley.

Lieut. Robt. Tamblyn of Army Air Forces Home

Lieut. Robert L. Tamblyn received his discharge from the Army Air Corps at El Paso, Texas, and with Mrs. Tamblyn has returned to Nevada City to resume his business as an insurance broker.

While in Kingman, Arizona, in a training camp he was erroneously listed as one of those killed in a train and bus collision. He was badly injured but eventually recovered and resumed his training. He was commissioned at Albuguergue, New Mexico, in August 1944.

San Juan Water District Proposal Comes Up Dec. 19

The matter of the proposed water district for the San Juan Ridge was laid over by the board of supervisors until Wednesday, December 19 when it will be considered further.

H. P. DAVIS SENDS TO PRINTER NEW BOOK ON GOLD RUSH DAYS

H. P. Davis of this city has completed his new book, "Gold Rush Days of Nevada County" and will send the manuscript to the printer this week. The book, beautifully illustrated with cuts made from early day graphs and sketches of Nevada City an Grass Valley, will run about 40,000 words in length.

Mr. Davis' author of "Black Democracy" has given the Nugget permission to print the chapter on "The Great Washoe Rush" which gives a new slant on the relationship between the two Nevada County gold towns and the furious excitement which resulted in developing the bonanza of the Comstock Lode. It will appear in two installments, the first of which follows:

THE GREAT WASHOE RUSH

Among the signal contributions of men of Nevada County to the mining industry of the west must be included the not inconsiderable part played by citizens of this county in the great rush to Washoe County in 1859 and 1860. (1)

As early as 1849 goldseekers on their way to the California gold diggings discovered placer in Gold Canyon in the Utah territory. Placer ground was worked here in a small way for several years but it was not particuuarly rich and the gold recovered carried with it such a large percentage of silver that its value was $10 or $11 an ounce, $6 or $7 per ounce less than the average gold found in the California placers. The difficulty in obtaining supplies of wood and water was another discouraging factor.

Even when, in 1857 a quartz ledge rich in gold was discovered this new district created little interest. It was not until the summer of 1859 when samples from a lode being worked in Gold Canyon for gold were brought to Nevada City and assayed that the Washoe excitement materialized. "Within 2 years" says Edwin Bean, "it is probable that one-third of the male adults of Nevada County had gone to the silver region."

Among the experienced miners of Nevada County who contributed to the Washoe boom and greatly profited thereby were W. P. Morrison and J. P. Stone of Nevada City and Judge John Walsh of Grass Valley.

The miners who in '59 while following up a narrow streak of rich gravel struck the now famous Comstock lode had no conception of the importance of their find. They did not know that the gray-blue vein material from which they painfully separated the gold and then discarded was argentite a silver sulphide, 80 per cent or more pure silver.

(1) The "Washoe Country" named from the Washo Indian whose range extended from as far north as Reno to the lower end of Carson Valley was incorporated in the Utah Territory created in 1850. In 1861 on the organization of Nevada Territory this area was included. Nevada was admitted to the Union as a state in 1864, Utah not until 1896.

In the spring of 1859 J. P. Stone and W. P. Morrison left Nevada City for a 'look see" at reported placers of the Washoe country. At Gold Canyon they found men working in a half hearted way at a lode which carried visable gold and a queer looking blackish-gray mineral unknown to them.

Stone and Morrison apparently did not recognize the value of this mineral, but the gold was there and collecting a bag of samples they returned to Nevada City. Before leaving Morrison took an option on an interest in the claim which they had sampled.

At Nevada City Stone showed the samples to E. G. Waite, editor of the Nevada Journal who advised him to take them across the street to J. J. Ott for assay. (1) The result of Ott's assay, showing values in gold $1,595 a ton and in silver $3,196, published in July 1, 1859 in the Nevada Journal created a furor of excitement in this community and the crowds flocked to the Journal office at 29 Main Street to examine the specimens from this new El Dorado.

Ore of the phenomenal value of $4,791 a ton was something beyond the wildest dreams of the mining men of Nevada County who had by this time learned that $50 ore, and that in narrow veins, was about all they could reasonably hope to find.

Check assays made by M. Attwood of the Gold Hill mill at Grass Valley, confirmed Ott's assays and within a few days a rush to the Washoe was under way.

Among other citizens of Nevada County who joined in the great exodus to Washoe Country in '59 were Judge James Walsh of Grass Valley, A. E. Head, James Merideth, George Hearst and J. W. Hastings of Nevada City.

Merideth one of the most popular of the younger men of this community was killed in the Washoe Indian War. Head, who was sent to the new diggings by Arthur Hagadorn of the banking firm of Mulford and Hagadorn, returned shortly to Nevada City with very pessimistic reports.

(1) The very scales upon which the values in this sample were determined are yet in use at Ott's Assay Office in the original building at 30 Main Street which has been in continuous operation since 1852.

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BEDWELL TEAM LEADS BOWLING IN ELKS TOURNEY

At the end of the 6th week of the present bowling tournament at the Elks Lodge the team of Bedwell is a way out in front of the rest of the teams with a total of 20 points out of a possible 24. Much of the credit for the showing is due Coughlan who has raised his average from his starting mark of 100 up to 135 and also Carl Noren who has raised his mark from 100 to 125. The rest of the team has also been backing these two members up with Lageson raising his average from 159 to 172, high for the lodge, Scheemer and Bedwell consistent around 140 and Kendick 15, Goyne 14. Fortier 13, Sturtevant 12, Walther 11, Steger 10, Webster 8, Tognarelli 7, and Sbaffi 6. The Steger and Sbaffi teams have one series to make up.

On the basis of the above standings it would seem that the Bedwell team is a cinch to be out of the kitchen but with three weeks to go almost any of the other teams with a little luck plus some science could raise themselves out of the kitchen and take their places at the table with the luckier bowlers.

The sixth week produced the highest single game for the present tournament when Bedwell's team bowled a total of 836 against the Sbaffi team. High individual scores were made by Lageson with a 549 series and a high single game of 219, Siegfried with a 506 series and a high of 192, Falconi with 506 and a high of 216 and Sturtevant with a 476 series and a high single game of 176.

Individual averages, show Lageson with 172, followed by Siegfried with 157, Sturtevant 154, Falconi 153, and C. Steger, Tognarelli and Fortier at 151.

Knights of Columbus Will Confer Degree

The Grass Valley Council of the Knights of Columbus will confer the major degree upon a class of candidates Sunday, December 9th in the Auditorium Building on Mill Street.

District Deputy John M. Riley of Grass Valley will be in charge of the degree aided by District Deputy Chester Spooner of Willows. Degree teams from Grass Valley, Marysville, Colusa, Roseville, Chico and San Francisco will participate in the ceremony.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Armstrong of Sacramento past state deputy Thomas Duffy, Supreme Director Judge Edward Molenbuhr and past Supreme Warden David N. Supple, all of San Francisco are expected to be guests.

A banquet will be served in Bret Harte Inn at 7 p. m. for all knights and their ladies. The knights and candidates will attend Holy Communion at 8 o'clock Sunday morning in St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

ROUND THE STATE

By Leone Baxter

DEMO SHOW TIME

Early in January stellar performers on the Democratic circuit will barnstorm the state capital with a show that has been months in the making—a lulu with a legislative theme.

Already previewed are the words and music for legislative demands covering fair employment practices, full employment, veteran benefits and compulsory health insurance. Unwritten so far however is the libretto for an act wondorously titled Demand for a foreign policy that will insure peace."

Albe Slade, who represented Attorney General Kenney's office, at the recent Demoratic dress rehearsal at San Diego promises a Sacramento curtain raiser that will delight most Democrat and regale most Republicans. Our program, he declares will put California's non-partisan governor and legislature right on the hot spot.

MAGIC CARPET

The first real magic carpet since the abled Arab sent his pixilated rug flying over the parapets ten centuries ago, is the unwieldly freighter Otto Mears as far as several score California lads just home from the wars are concerned. The Mears of course is the Liberty ship that turned troop transport to bring them home when the military command said it couldn't be done.

Today with the 240 ship flotilla officially designated "magic carpet" still slow materializing to carry two million men home, word comes that in a dozen South Pacific harbors reconversion crews are working unofficially, on Liberty ships—building their own transportation home—following the lead of the Otto Mears.

ROOM TAX

For whatever comfort it may provide Americans may reflect that whatever the housing pinch here—it's worse someplace else. In France any couple having a living room, bedroom, kitchen and bath must invite a guest or pay a tax on the "extra room". No French family may occupy without tax more rooms than the number of persons in the family, plus one, according to the latest housing rule.

LAUGHTER

The normal recoil of the home front from four years of war is not evidenced solely in veterans troubles or civilian tears. Book stores report that sales of humorous works are reaching giddy heights. Best selling titles include: Stop or I'll Scream, Water on the Brain, I Could Be Dreaming and Webster Unabridged. John Q. just wants to laugh for a change.

TINSEL

In millions of homes this year, old fashioned Christmas trees will shine again if surveys of the meagre ornament supply mean anything. But people learned during the war Christmases when new bright, fragile baubles weren't available that strung popcorn, gold and red paper, gilded nuts and dancing cut outs were beautiful—and poignantly reminscent. All things considered, the bauble shortage probably will not be too sorrowfully lamented either by old or young this Christmas.

S. F. CHAMBER ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Brayton Wilbur president, Wilbur Ellis Company was today elected president of the San Francisco chamber of Commerce and will take office January 1.

Wilbur who was the chamber's first vice president succeeds Henry F. Grady who was the 1945 president.

Carl J. Eastman vice president, N. W. Ayer and Son, was elected 1st vice president of the chamber; J. E. Pickett editor Pacific Rural Press second vice president; George G. Montgomery vice president, Castle and Cooke, Ltd. third vice president and Louis B. Lundborg general manager of the chamber reelected fourth vice president.

J. F. Barrett partner ,Barrett and Hilp was elected treasurer and Belford Brown recent president San Francisco junior chamber of commerce assistant treasurer and M. A. Hogan secretary.

ALL CITIZENS ALERTED FOR PLANE CRASHES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6 — The residents of every farm, village, and town and city in California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Idaho are being asked to assist a new search and rescue program of the Fourth Air Force which has been organized to save the lives of flying personnel who crash or parachute from their planes, Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale, commanding general Fourth Air Force has announced.

If you see a plane crash call the police, sheriff or state highway patrol immediately giving them the details of the incident, the location and your name and address. They will forward the information to the proper army or navy authorities.

Residents of these five western states can also help in locating missing planes. Currently a wide spread search is continuing in the Fourth Air Force area for two B-24 heavy bombers missing since Nov. 1. On that date four of the huge four-motored aircraft took off from McChord Field, Wash., enroute to Portland, Ore. Later one of the planes landed at Arcata, Calif., and a second at Redmond, Ore. Nothing has since been seen or heard of the other two planes.

If you have any clew as to the whereabouts of these planes forward your information to the nearest law enforcement agency who will send it on to the Fourth Air Forces search and rescue organization, the 475th AAF Base Unit.

The 475th has its headquarters in San Francisco with the Fourth Air Force and controls search and rescue activities throughout the five western states and coordinates searches with the navy, marine corps and the coast guard units. The organization is under the command of Col. Alfred V. Walton.

Since the Fourth Air Force emergency rescue program was first established in September 1944 931 persons have been rescued. Many of these were due to tips and phone calls from residents on outlying farms and small towns.

ACCOUNTANT PRAISES NEVADA COUNTY OFFICERS

Lyman L. Straine, public accountant employed by the supervisors to expert books of county officials filed his report which not only found no faults with any of them, but closed with these words:

"The books of Nevada County were found to be in better condition than any other county examined by us in recent years. A word of praise is in order for such a representative group of efficient county officers."

LINE STRADDLERS MENACE TRAFFIC

Declaring there has been a steady increase in the number of traffic accidents caused by white line straddlers in California ever since the removal of gasoline rationing restrictions, Highway Patrol Chief E. R. Cato today urged drivers to "stay on their own side of the road."

Cato said several cases have been reported recently in which accidents were caused because line straddlers refused to yield the right of way and pull over to the right hand side of the highways when other drivers attempted to pass them. In one such accident both drivers were killed and the occupants of a third car were injured.

"Line straddling is a bad habit a lot of drivers developed during the days of restricted travel when traffic was light." Chief Cato said. "They got by with it then but they can't do it under present congested conditions. Play safe and stay on your own side."

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SOCIALISM'S LOSING BATTLE

Reporting the House Appropriations Committee's action in turning down, once again, the Bureau of Reclamation request for funds to build government transmission lines from Shasta Dam to power markets in the Central Valleys, one Washington correspondent last week described the attitude of committee members toward bureau spoksemen as "derisive" and "outspoken."

Evidently many congressmen are irritated by the bureau's bullheaded insistence on socializing the Central Valley Project in defiance of the will of the people and the purposes of the project. Congressmen know, as a recent Gallup poll attested, that "in the United States public sentiment is not only overwhelmingly opposed to government ownership of railroads, banks and electric power companies, but is even less in favor of the idea than a few years ago."

Despite that, the director of power utilization of the bureau was recently quoted as dclaring: "the bureau should now assume the responsibility for supplying, in so far as possible, all additional power needs wherever it has present and potential possibilities for the generation and transmission of the needed power. It is desirable that the bureau own and operate all transmission facilities."

Desirable to whom? Not to the elected representatives of the people on that congressional committee who pointed out: "The committee is of the opinion that the irrigation features of the project should receive primary consideration, and it will expect a complete report on this uhase of the project, with detailed figures on an accelerated canal development program when the 1947, Interior Department appropriation bill is taken up for consideration."

That is getting back to fundamentals. The Great Valley Project is a water project primarily—never intended by the people of this state to provide a battle ground for a socialistic task force in its war of extermination against private ownership.—Contributed.

MR. TRUMAN'S TAKE HOME PAY

When President Truman returns to private life, he may find the sheriff auctioning off his Missouri home to a host of creditors, according to the facts of a Collier's Magazine article by Jonathan Daniels, former White House press secretary. Income taxes take $47,000 of the president's $75.000 salary—leaving him $28,000. That sum, plus expense allowance, is more than swallowed up by irreducible presidential expenses. A term in office will put Mr. Truman $100,000 in debt says Mr. Daniels.

That situation is shamefully unfair to the president. And it is unfair to the nation that only men with private fortunes, such as Roosevelt and Hoover, can actually afford to serve as chief executive.

It is curious to note, however, that Mr. Truman could get by if it weren't for that tax gulp of 2-3s of his salary. Just as millions of his countrymen, likewise tax staggered, could look forward to paying for new homes, autos, pleasure trips and luxuries in the next few years—if the tax collectors would go easier on their take home pay.

The war debt must be shouldered, to be sure. Yet war debt financing isn't the major tax burden facing America. The real specter is a swollen, snow balling trend to unparalleled peace time extravagance by government. Federal non war spending has hit a record high—a 15 billion a year clip. New proposals for spending far beyond the nation's ability to pay—extended social security, national compulsory health plans and other paternalistic ideas adding up to the financially impossible—clog legislative hoppers. Unless government makes a rightabout turn toward economy, in time none of us will be able to spread income over both taxes and living costs.

In light of these circumstances, President Truman. whose plight differs from the general only in degree, might lead most appropriately in initiating governmental economy.—Contributed.

STRIKE BOUND SANTA

It won't be the fault of old Santa this year if he and his reindeer must travel light, without nearly enough of the longed for new radios, refrigerators, electric irons, gay gadgets to go around. It will be because picket lines have stretched clear to the North Pole, hampering the gnome who work so busily for the red cheeked roly poly and turning the merry twinkle of his eyes to a look of anxiety.

Santa has been let down in these months since the fighting ended—those months in which he hoped to do so much so quickly in preparation for his great gift dispensing tour. All he wanted was a chance to make everybody happy on Christmas Day.

No doubt he's read that industrial leaders and labor leaders shout angrily at each other before closed plants—each saying, "it's all your fault." It isn't in Santa's nature to take sides in quarrels. But you can bet the little guy in red has a way of dealing justice all his own

Our hunch is that Santa will write "foolish and undeserving" after the names of the nation's grownups in his private book, and then as always, he'll stretch his thinned bag of gifts so that every little boy and girl is taken care of. What's left, the grownups will get. But there won't be so much left. The good gifts won't go around—not by a long shot.

Then maybe, come next year, foolish grownups will be wiser than to strike against Santa.—Contributed.

OPA REVIEWS XMAS PROSPECTS AND PRICES

Happy shopping days are here again for Mrs. America with the end of rationing of meats, canned fish, fats and oils. The days of food rationing are gone forever, we hope, with one exception. Sugar will continue to be rationed as long as the world wide shortage exists. Supplies of meat for civilians during December will permit consumption at an annual rate of 165 pounds per person. During the first three months of 1946 it is estimated a little less meat will be available but we will still have considerably more than the average annual pre war consumption of 226 pounds per person.

Restrain that urge to throw away your family's war ration books No. 4. You will need the sugar stamps that are in them. Remember that sugar is still rationed. The current stamp good for buying five pounds is sugar stamp No. 38 which will be valid through December 31.

If your family's tastes are like most other Americans it's a sure thing they thoroughly enjoyed the Thanksgiving day turkey. Why not treat them to turkey more often—it doesn't have to be strictly a holiday delicacy. Production of turkeys this year was the greatest on record and the birds were larger than usual. If you don't want a whole turkey you can buy cut up portions such as legs breasts and wings, and select the pieces that are your favorites. Ceiling prices have been set for cut up portions of turkey and here's the best part—these prices average from one to four cents a pound less than comparable portions of chicken.

A mincemeat pie is a traditional must in at least one holiday feast. If you make your own you will be interested to know that prices for mincemeat have been increased by two cents a pound. The increase was necessary because fresh apples prices were higher due to a short crop.

If you are planning to dine in a restaurant on Christmas or New Year's day remember that the restaurant may charge the same price it did in 1942 on that day. The same applies to prices charged on New Years eve.

No item of wearing apparel is dearer to the heart of Mrs. America than soerly missed nylon stockings. Not only are they on their way back—in fact some are already here for a few lucky women—but they cost less than they did in 1942. The new ceiling prices are based on 1941 prices which were a fourth less than 1942 prices. Prices for first quality full fashioned nylons will range from 95 cents to $2.05. 45 gauge from $1.20 to $1.40 and 51 gauge from $1.35 to $1.55. The stockings must be marked with the dollar and cent ceiling price, gauge and denier and other information such as whether any material beside nylon is in them if they are irregular or second and third quality and if they are out size or extra long.

A recent OPA action affecting manufacturers ceiling prices for certain types of low cost clothes will help increase the supply of these essential garments, particularly benefitting families with limited income. The producers permitted certain price increases to enable them to expand production of these lower priced clothes which are in short supply. Included among the garments affected by the regulation are many items of low priced knit underwear and night wear for men, women, the children and infants, men's and boy's woven dress shirts, shorts and pajamas and men's handkerchiefs. Most of the clothing affected will be made of cotton.

El Salvador is one of the principal producers of indigo.

San Francisco is closer to Europe than New York is to Asia.

More petroleum and salt were produced in California in 1944 than in any previous year.

Water in the old Montgomery block in San Francisco orginally came from an artesian well in the courtyard.

The San Francisco public library has a collection of more than 4000 photographs of early days many dating back to 1830.

HOUSING MAJOR STATE PROBLEM CHAMBER FINDS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6—Every part of California has its share of problems due to housing shortage, scarcity of building materials and serious lack of labor for farms. But the overall picture is one of progress and each section sees prospects of improvements due to unified state action.

This evidence of interdependence of industry, business, farming, finance and recreational activities all over Califoornia was reiterated during the two day membership meeting of the California State Chamber of Commerce here. Hundreds of members from all parts of the state and all major lines of endeavor told of their problems and discovered that the situation in almost every case was state wide.

Post war California was revealed as far ahead of other places in meeting the shock of reconversion—but still plagued by housing shortage, scarcity of materials and confusion over some governmental regulations.

Warning that the perils of peace can be as great as the perils of war, Harrison S. Robinson, Oakland, president of the state chamber, cautioned labor and management to cooperate if democracy is to endure.

"The greatest danger to American democracy today is that the people as a whole are confused," he declared at a membership meeting. "These who intend actively to support democracy must be constantly prepared to furnish information on the issues involved in the conflict between democracy to militarianism, and to keep alive the interest in those issues. There are not a million Americans who will knowingly stand for the destruction of democracy. On any issue involving both ethics and practical judgment we are safer to accept the decision of a majority of adult Americans who have been exposed to facts and arguments by proporents and opponents of a measure for ten or more years than to take the opinion of any small group no matter how great their stature or how profund their learning."

A call for state wide unified effort to meet California's pressing problems was made by Governor E. Warren.

"These problems must be solved either by the state and its local subdivisions or by federal government" Warrent stated. "Most of these can be solved here at home if we face the facts and are not afraid of California's future. California's future problems must be solved not by business, not by labor, not by agriculture but by a combination of all the groups, working with toleration determination to see that California comes through."

S. F. HOTELS BREAK RECORD

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6—San Francisco's hotels are the most crowded in the nation the San Francisco's Hotel Employers Association said today.

The average occupancy percentage for 1843, 1944 and thus for the nation at large 98 per cent for the Pacific Coast and 98.6 per cent for San Francisco the association added. For this year it has reached an all time high of 98.8 per cent.

After San Francisco the most crowded hotels in America since 1943 have been in New York, Cleveland and Washington.

SISTER CITIES

The cause of world peace has been notably advanced. The Los Angeles county board of supervisors has endorsed the city of San Fransisco as the site for the United Nations headquarters and has even referred to San Francisco as "our sister city."

Surely if Los Angeles can say something pleasant about San Francisco and vice versa the lesser rivalries of Russia and Britain, Arab and Jap, Japanese and Dutch can be settled simply. Here is an example for all the world. Los Angeles endorses and even praises San Francisco. Perhaps this should be charged up as one of the beneficial results of the development of the atomic bomb.—Redding Record-Searchlight.

The giant California condor almost extinct can still be found in the Santo Lucia mountains.

The Santa Barbara county courthouse is considered architeceurally the finest in the United States.

The first telegraph in California stationed on Teleghaph Hill in San Francisco in 1853, extended eight miles to Point Lobos.

NOTICE OF INTENDED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That George W. Gildersleeve, whose address is 208 Clay Street, Nevada City, California, on the 5th day of December, 1945, intends to sell, transfer, assign and deliver to Harold Berliner, of Nevada City, California, the fixtures, equipment and goodwill of that certain printing business located at 237 Commercial Street, in Nevada City, Nevada County, California, known as the Nevada City News.

That said property is to be sold and the consideration is to be paid on the 5th day of December, 1945, at the office of Frank G. Finnegan, 207 North Pine Street, Nevada City, California.

That the said Harold Berliner intends to purchase and receive delivery of all the above-described personal property. That said sale will be consummated and said consideration paid at ten o'clock of the day and place, above-mentioned.

GEO. W. GILDERSLEEVE.

State of California, County of Nevada, ss.

On this 27th day of November, 1945, before me, Frank G. Finnegan, a Notary Public in and for the County of Nevada, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared GEORGE W. GILDERSLEEVE, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the County of Nevada, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

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Christian Science Society of Nevada City holds services every Sunday in their church, 114 Boulder St. at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. A Wednesday evening testimonial meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month at eight o'clock. Our reading room is now located in the church edifice at 114 Boulder St. and is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays holidays excepted from 2 to 4 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend our services and visit the reading room.

"God the Only Cause and Creator" is the subject of the Christian Science Lesson Sermon for Sunday, with the Golden Text from Isaiah 45:18: "Thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord and there is none else."

One of the Bible citations in the sermon is from the 33rd Psalm, "by the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." Correlative to this verse is the following passage from the Christian Science text book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy "Spiritually to understand that there is but one creator, God, unfolds all creation, confirms the Scriptures, brings the sweet assurance of no parting, no pain ,and of man deathless and perfect and eternal." p. 69.

A FAITH REVIVER

We encounter many setbacks and other discouraging incidents on our slow trek toward the goal of world brotherhood. But now and then something occurs to perk up our spirts and renew our faith in the possibility of real cooperation between rival, if not hostile territories. One of those incidents has just occurred; The Los Angeles county board of supervisors has endorsed San Francisco as the candidate for the permanent headquarters of the United Nations organization.—Redwood City Tribune.

FARMERS ARE WARNED NOT TO EXPAND

By Ralph H. Taylor

As a result of the spectacular achievement of California agriculture in war time—taking the lead in the mammoth task of feeding not only this nation but much of the rest of the world—some very deceptive and potentially harmful notions on the business of farming have gotten abroad among pepole who have never farmed.

In meeting that war emergency, California farmers extended their operations and strained every recourse including their muscles in producing to the limit—and every ton, bushel and quart produced was instantly sold. As a consequence to the mind of many a layman the quick and sure way to security and prosperity is to get hold of a piece of California land and start out as a farmer.

All you need do, according to this concept (which is wholly wrong) is to produce to the limit of your acreage and sell all you produce, without the slightest dificulty, to eager markets.

The picture may be enchanting—but the war is over.

The plain fact of the matter is, the future of farming in California—once the current emergency feeding of the world is past—is fraught with basic and very tough problems. Markets will shrink; over expanded production must be readjusted to normal supply and demand; there is yet no solution in sight to knotty difficulties in matters of farm labor housing, taxation and so on. Experienced, established farmers are likely to need all of their resourcefulness and probably the financial cushion of war time savings in meeting the tests ahead.

Expansion of the already over-extended agricultural plant through the opening of new farms would tend to add to existing farm perplexities, and would almost certainly bring the disappointment of failure to most of the new farmers, the ambitious and deserving ex-soldiers and ex-war workers who want to get into business for themselves. There are excellent and varied fields for new business ventures but farming just isn't a good bet in that category, as Arthur Shultis of the State Agricultural Extension Service explained with crystal clarity a few days ago.

Shultis' statement was made in the form of three hypothetical questions with the answers. It follows:

1—Will demand for agricultural products call for any increase in production from California?

Answer: When immediate foreign relief needs have been met, and with some resumption of foreign production and international trade, the demand for agricultural products for home consumption and for export may be reduced. In spite of its increasing population, California will meet all of its regional needs for locally grown products without any increase in farm land. In fact new farm lands might add to a burdensome production above domestic requirements and export opportunities.

2—What is our capacity to meet the need for agricultural products without additional land?

Answer: Capacity of our farmers to produce from farms now in operation can be considerably increased when labor, materials and farm machinery are again plentiful.

3—What economic problems would be involved in the creation of more farms in California?

Answer: It would be inconsistent for our government to use public funds for developing new farms while also using them for supporting agricultural prices and reducing production. In addition to new farm land being unnecessary and undesirable from the standpoint of demand for agricultural products its development now would be expensive.

Construction costs per farm will always be relatively high on the contemplated public irrigation and the drainage projects, as compared with the value of existing farms and hence such projects can only be partially self liquidating.

Many discharged veterans will be wanting farms, but the settlement of these men on untried projects would be the settlement of an equal number of veterans among existing farms, where they would have the benefit of local experience and institutions.

To Shultis' statement it might be added that the young man who wants a farming career but lacks experience and land might take a wise and useful first step by getting a job for a year or two on a progressively operated farm. Farm help is short—and the worker could prepare himself for farm ownership in the future when conditions have settled. That time isn't yet.

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James H. Fraser Answers Summons

The last rites were said for James H. Fraser in the Hooper and Weaver Mortuary yesterday. Fraser died Sunday morning after several months of illness in a Grass Valley hospital. Rev. Jesse Rudkin conducted the service. Interment was in the Smartville Cemetery.

The deceased was a native of Nova Scotia, aged 73 years. His parents settled in the mining community of Mooney Flat when he was five years old, and he continued to live there in the family home, until his recent illness. Most of his active years were spent in placer mining but in later life his hobby was gardening and he gave his friends in Grass Valley many cuttings, plants and bulbs from his garden.

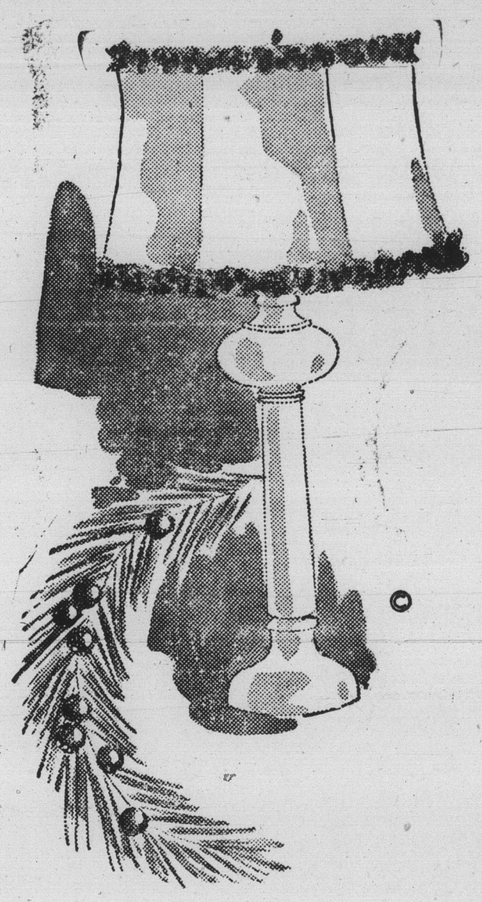
Surviving are his sister, Mrs. Emma McGonigal of Smartville, Yuba County and brothers, William Fraser of Grass Valley and Edward Fraser of Wheatland.

S. F. NEARS 50 MILLIONS FOR POST WAR BUILDING

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6—Total accumulated budget appropriations of the city of San Francisco assigned to post war construction and reconstruction amount to $48,99,000 the San Francisco bureau of governmental research announced today.

Of this amount $20,00,000 will go for airport developments, $2,189,900 for purchase of new street cars and other improvements in the municipal railway, $12,000,000 for sewers, $1,250,000 for a new juveuile detention home.

Street improvements the Merced Lake pumping plant, and improvement in schools, fire equipment, parks and playgrounds account for the remainder.



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CIO AND AFL ARE AT OUTS IN STATE POLITICS

Cy Clem Whitaker

California's 1946 gubernatorial campaign already shaping up as a beautiful brannigan, has taken a new spectacular turn, with strong indications that the CIO and AFL are grooming rival candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor and may carry their bitter jurisdictional feud into the political arena.

The tip off that the rift between the CIO and AFL on the labor front was spreading to the political front came a few days ago when the Downey for governor boom which has attracted considerable labor support, was suddenly countered by a Kenny for governor "draft" movement sponsored by left wing unions.

Neither U. S. Senator Sheridan Downey nor Attorney General Robert W. Kenny is an announced candidate for governor but their respective camp followers are waging undeclared war on each other regardless—with the AFL more or less openly carrying the Downey flag, while the CIO beats the tom toms for Kenny.

Californians visiting Washington report that the eloquent amiable Senator Downey is holding open court these days for all wayfarers from his home state and has a receptive ear for all political gossip connecting his name with the governorship race, although he stops just short of saying he will be a candidate. Attorney General Kenny on the other hand, has indicated he would ask to have his head examined if he should succumb to gubernatorial blandishments, but still listens with benign countenance when his friends insist he alone can come to the aid of his party.

The first "draft Kenny" headline appeared in The People's World the voice from the left and was quickly followed by similar headlines in CIO publications. A day or two later a "draft Kenny for governor" petition suddenly appeared in Southern California and the inside information is that all but two of the Democratic members of the Los Angeles county legislative delegation now have signed up and pledged themselves to the somewhat rotund but agile Kenny.

HESSELGRAVE—In Grass Valley November 26, 1945 to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hesselgrave a daughter.

LOMBARDI—In Grass Valley, November 29, 1945 to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lombardi of Colfax a son.

Home Coming Dinner for Bud Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thurston of Glenbrook Heights gave a homecoming dinner last Monday at the Success Cafe for Mr. and Mrs. Bud Johnson. Bud recently discharged from the air force was a navigator. He was employed by the Thurstons while operating Lake Olympia. Frank and Grace Duffy presented the cake, made by Fritz Pitz at Kopps Bakery. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cocking, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tick of Hills Flat, Tony Belaski of San Francisco, Harold Hutchinson of Vallejo. The party proceeded to the Thurston home following the dinner.

Helen Holmes, Honored Queen of Job's Daughters

Miss Helen Holmes has been elected honored queen of Job's Daughters. She will be installed with other officers on December 15th.

Officers chosen were Toots Caddy, senior princess; Ramona Williams, junior princess; Donna Hyatt guide; Beatrice Bennetts, marshall.

Cpl. Bob Drumm was in town last Tuesday night to say hello to his many friends. Bob while stationed at Camp Beale was with the army engineers then went overseas to the China-Burma-India theatre. After 3 years he returned to Nevada City before going east and home.

Rubber Gas Tanks On Sale at McClellland Field

Rubber aircraft gasoline and oil tanks of various sizes, shapes and capacities, are now being sold at McClellan Field's reclamation and lumber salvage ward from 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. daily except Sundays and holidays, Sacramento Air Technical Service Command officials announced today.

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Prices of fuel cells range according to theor capacity with those holding 200 gallons or less sold for $1; 200 to 400 gallons $2; and over 400 gallons $3.50.

McClellan Field is located eight miles north of Sacramento on the Auburn boulevard. Passes to enter the depot may be obtained at gate four.

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Congressman Clair Engle

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6—Wool industry studied—A special senate committee has opened hearings on problems of the wool industry, centering its attention on surpluses and imports.

American producers are chiefly concerned with the huge stockpiles of British and American wool built up during the war. How to dispose of these stockpiles without adversely affecting current domestic production is one of the major problems the committee will investigate.

A suggestion has been made that the government purchase all imported wool as well as continue to buy the American clip as it does now through the commercial credit corporation. Manufacturers then would be charged the same price for both domestic and foreign wools. Manufacturers are expected to protest the proposal as it would cut them off from the price benefit derived from imported wools.

Testimony before the committee indicated the "issue price" on British wools imported into this country is $1.05 a pound clean basis, including a 30 cents a pound tariff. The CCC pays an OPA ceiling price of $1.16 a pound for American grown wool.

Arthur Besse of the National Association of Manufacturers, told the committee he advocated an out and out subsidy plan to enable American wool producers to compete with government subsidized imported wool.

Veterans' Medical Bill—Our committee on World War Veterans legislation has completed a bill to create a department of Medicine and Surgery within the Veterans Administration. Immediate consideration by the house has been requested.

The measure was difficult to write and those of us on a special sbbcommittee charged with the responsibility spent many hours conferring with Maj. Gen. Paul Hawley acting surgeon general of the Veterans Administration on various problems.

One of the chief purposes of the bill is to free the veterans medical service from restricted civil requirements which heretofore have been a barrier in inducing top flight medical men in participating in the veterans program.

Every effort has been made to "demilitarize" the professional staffs of the veterans hospitals. This provision was made at the request of many veterans who feel they have had more than their share of "military life" during regular service, and when confined in a hospital they want to be free of "brass hats."

National Housing Policy—Hearings are underway before the senate committee on banking and currency on a bill S. 1592 by Sen. Wagner of New York—which would permanently establish the national housing agency and provide for federal loans in connection with a greatly expanded national housing program.

Under terms of the bill, privately financed housing, for moderate income families would be aided by changes in the FHA program such as reducing the maximum insurance interest rate, extending the period of amortization and raising the amount eligible for insurance. This plan applies only to houses where the principal loan is not more than $5000.

The bill also would include preferences for veterans and an annual inventory of housing needs.

REUNION OF BROTHERS

A happy reunion occured when, after 25 years, Rev. David H. Loewen of Manitoba, Canada, arrived with his family to visit his brother, Peter Loewen and family at their home on Mill Street, Grass Valley.

Rev. Loewen is enroute to Chihuhua, Mexico where he has been assigned a post as missionary.

Paintings of Late George Innes Are Shown

The Creative Arts Section of the Nevada County Branch of the American Association of University Women met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Juliet Cox, 529 Richardson Street.

Mrs. Stanton Knome chairman of the group, having been called to Texas, Miss Maxine Sleeper, president of the association acted in her stead. Mrs. Cox talked on the paintings done by her late father George Innes, and of her two brothers, George Innes, Jr. who was also a celebrated artist. Canvasses painted by both men were shown. The refreshment committee consisted of Mrs. Robert Ingram, Miss Lee Bostwick and Mrs. Gordon Bennetts.

CHARGED WITH CAR THEFT

James L. Dunlop, 22 and William Holt 14, are lodged in the county jail following their arrest by state highway patrolmen for car theft.

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